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ERKKI AND KAISA RAATIKAINEN

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1. THE RAATIKAINENS HAVE NOW MADE A FIRM DECISION TO LEAVE FOR THE UNITED STATES ON AUGUST 9TH AND TO RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 9TH. THEIR MAIN INTERESTS DURING THE VISIT WILL BE U.S. POLITICS AND THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN, AND TV AND RADIO BROADCASTING FOR MR. RAATIKAINEN, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS FOR MRS. RAATIKAINEN. THEY ALSO WANT TO STUDY U.S. LABOR'S ROLE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, CONSERVATION AND NATIONAL PARK PROJECTS, AND SEE A FIRST CLASS U.S. AGRICULTURAL AREA.

2. IN WASHINGTON THEY WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE HEADQUARTERS OF BOTH THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLIC PARTIES, AND VISIT AFL-CIO HEADQUARTERS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH COPE OFFICIALS. MR. RAATIKAINEN WILL WANT TO VISIT THE STATIONS AND MEET OFFICIALS OF METROMEDIA AND PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION. MRS. RAATIKAINEN WILL WISH APPOINTMENTS AT THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, AND TO TALK TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CONSUMER PROTECTION.

3. FROM WASHINGTON THEY WOULD LIKE TO FLY DIRECTLY TO KANSAS CITY IN ORDER TO OBSERVE THE AUGUST 15-18 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION. IN ADDITION TO THIS MAJOR EXAMPLE OF THE U.S.

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POLITICAL PROCESS, THE RAATIKAINENS WOULD LIKE TO OBSERVE SOME

CAMPAIGNING BY BOTH REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES IN SOME OF THE OTHER CITIES ON THEIR INTINERARY. IF A PARTICULARLY PROMISING OPPORTUNITY SHOULD DEVELOP TO OBSERVE THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE DURING THE TIME OF THEIR VISIT, THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE WILLING TO ALTER THEIR SCHEDULE IN ORDER TO FOLLOW PART OF HIS CAMPAIGN.

4. FROM KANSAS CITY THEY WLD LIKE TO TRAVEL TO COLORADO, EITHER DENVER OR COLORADO SPRINGS, AND THEN GO ON TO SPEND A COUPLE OF DAYS IN GRAND CANYON NATIONA PARK. FROM ARIZONA, THEY WOULD LIKE TO VISIT SAN FRANCISCO, WHERE THEY WOULD LIKE PROGRAMS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS OF INTEREST AND ALSO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN VISITING THE CALIFORNIA AFL-CIO HEADQUARTERS WHERE AN ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT WITH LABOR LEADER JOHN HENNING.

5. AFTER SAN FRANCISCO, THEY WOULD LIKE TO TRAVEL TO YELLOWSTONE PARK AND THE GRAND TETONS FOR AT LEAST THREE DAYS OF SIGHTSEEING. IF LOCAL ESCORTS SHOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE, ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE TO RENT A CAR FOR THEM SO THEY COULD SEE THE PARKS ON THEIR OWN.

6 FROM WYOMING THEY WOULD LIKE TO FLY TO EITHER IOWA OR OKLAHOMA TO SEE SOME OUTSTANDING EXAMPLES OF U.S. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVENESS AND PERHAPS TO SEE A CATTLE BREEDING OPERATION. THIS VISIT COULD BEGIN WITH BRIEFINGS AT A STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OR A MAJOR UNIVERSITY AND THEN FIELD TRIPS SHOULD BE ARRANGED TO GIVE AN IMPRESSION OF HOW U.S. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT ARE ORGANIZED. IF SOME OF THESE THINGS COULD BE OBSERVED BETTER IN TEXAS OR ARIZONA THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO ALTER THEIR SCHEDULE ACCORDINGLY.

7 THE RAATIKAINENS WOULD LIKE TO CONCLUDE THEIR VISIT WITH A FEW DAYS IN NEW YORK BOTH FOR SIGHTSEEING, CONTACTING FINNISH OFFICIALS, AND, OF COURSE, FOR MR. RAATIKAINEN TO VISIT THE GREAT BROADCASTING NETWORKS

8. IF CULTURAL OR BICENTENNIAL FESTIVITIES ARE TAKING PLACE AT PLACES ON THEIR ITINERARY OR IF THERE ARE SPECIAL AREAS OF INTEREST I.E. THE AMANDA COLONY IN IOWA IF THEY SHOULD BE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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IOWA CITY, THESE SHOULD BE ADDED TO THEIR PROGRAM.

9. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE FORWARDED AT A LATER DATE AND AMBASSADOR AUSTAD WILL ALSO BE WRITING PERSONALLY WITH REGARD TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR MR. RAATIKAINEN AT METROMEDIA.
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